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World Class Athlete Program

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Army Athlete Profile: Specialist Lakeisha Backus



Track & Field
100m/200m

Date of birth:
December 15, 1976

Hometown:
Harbor City, California

Military Occupation:
Signal Analyst

Military Rank:
Specialist/E-4

Spc. Lakeisha Backus is a member of the World Class Athlete Program's Track & Field Team.

Spc. Backus was a semi-finalist at the U.S. Olympic Trials in 2000 and held the Olympic "A" Standard in the 100m and 200m. She placed third at the 2001 Modesto Relays. She was a fourth-place finisher at the 2001 Prefontaine Classic, and a semi-finalist at the 2001 USATF Outdoor National Championships. More recently, she captured gold medals in 60 m. at the 2004 Mountain T's Indoor Meet, and the 2004 Air Force Open, and a bronze medal in the 60 m. at the US Indoor National Championships. She also took the gold medal in the 100 m. at the 2004 Drummond Invitational.

A Signal Analyst, Spc. Backus entered the Army on June 6, 2002. She completed basic training in August 2002 and advanced individual training in October 2002.

Spc. Backus joined the Army "to better myself. Being a member of the Army's World Class Athlete Program is important to me because I get to achieve my track and field goals and represent the Army without the outside pressures on most civilian athletes."

Spc. Backus loves her particular sport because new challenges are always there to be met head on. She gets pumped up for competition through the heat of competing; the better the competition the more intense she becomes. When Spc. Backus is not practicing or training she likes to go sightseeing.

She is a graduate of Wilson High School in Long Beach, Calif., and the University of Texas in Austin, Tex.

Personal Bests: 100m – 11.10; 200m – 22.89

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